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1. ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE SAGA OF UNIDO REORGANIZATION WAS WRITTEN WITH SURPRISE ISSUANCE OF FEB 4 OF ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ESTABLISHING A SECRETARIAT PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE WITH FOLLOWING COMPOSITION: CHAIRMAN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VICE-CHAIRMAN - DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES (AFIFI), MEMBERS - ALL OTHER DIRECTORS. COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR (A) DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR UNIDO, MAINLY PITCHED TO MEDIUM TERM, REFLECTING GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND CONFORMING TO POLICY GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY MEMBER STATES; (B) CONVERSION OF THESE INTO PROJECTS FOR ACTION. FOR THE LATTER PURPOSE THE COMMITTEE WILL EXAMINE BIENNIAL PROGRAM/BUDGET PROPOSALS MADE BY THE VARIOUS SECTIONS, PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED FROM VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURES FROM THE REGULAR PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AFIFI'S ICIS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF WORKING PAPERS RELATING TO (A) ABOVE.

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2. WITH STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT KHANE WILL BE UNABLE TO DEVOTE MUCH TIME TO THIS OPERATION, ARRANGEMENT APPEARS TO LEAVE AFIFI, AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THIS STRATEGIC TASK FORCE, SUBSTANTIALLY IN CONTROL OF UNIDO PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND ORIENTATION AS WELL AS OF SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING IN AREAS LISTED ABOVE, THUS EXTENDING HIS DOMAIN CONSIDERABLY BEYOND THAT OF STUDIES AND RESEARCH STRICTLY DEFINED. ALTHOUGH DIVISION OF POLICY COORDINATION FORMALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION (CONTAINING A SECTION FOR THESE FUNCTIONS) NAPOLIELLO IS CLEARLY SUBORDINATED TO AFIFI IN THE SET-UP ANNOUNCED BY KHANE. OF INTEREST AND POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE IN THIS CONNECTION IS NAPOLIELLO STATEMENT IN RECENT CONVERSATION THAT HE DID NOT WISH PERSONALLY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION ASPECTS OF HIS DIVISION'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND PLANNED TO DELEGATE COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS TO A DEPUTY OR SPECIAL ASSISTANT IN HIS OFFICE. FURTHERMORE, DIRECTIVE THAT ICIS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION OF WORKING PAPERS TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIC PLANS AND PROGRAMS APPEARS TO CUT INTO FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY INTENDED TO BE PERFORMED IN SECTION FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION.

3. THIS NEW SET-UP TOGETHER WITH ARRANGEMENT REPORTED PARA 3 REF B WOULD APPEAR AT FIRST BLUSH SUBSTANTIALLY TO REDUCE RELATIVE WEIGHT OF DIRECTOR OF POLICY COORDINATION IN THE ORGANIZATION AND DETRACT FROM IMPORTANCE OF THE POST. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS OF KHANE'S NEWEST DIRECTIVE WITH NAPOLIELLO. STIBRAVY

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